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1. Observers who previously insisted that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) would never become "the tail of Moscow" now interpret the situation as follows:
2. Aware of the possibility of the development of "Titoism" among the Chinese Communists during the first flush of victory, Moscow has pressed CCP leaders to declare themselves clearly on this point. For this reason, LIU Shao-chi, one of the old guard Chinese Communists, was summoned to Moscow. LIU showed complete loyalty to the Moscow international line, and MAO Tse-tung's recent declarations have followed in the same direction.
3. The Chinese Communists realize that they cannot manage China without British and American trade. The view exists that the older leaders, especially those who were trained in Western countries or in missionary schools, would prefer to maintain a mild attitude toward the United States and Britain. Their indecision on this problem has been resolved by Moscow pressure and a feeling that they cannot rely upon the friendship of powers that have been and are still helping the Kuomintang with arms and money.

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